

**Yellow Medicine County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 23, 2020**

Chairman John Berends called this regular meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Board to order at 2:00 p.m. with Commissioners Ron Antony, Greg Renneke, Glen Kack and Gary Johnson also present (in-person or via teleconference). Also present were County Administrator Angie Steinbach, Finance and Administration Deputy Ashley Soine (via teleconference) and Advocate Tribune reporter Jess Gorman (via teleconference). Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the June 23, 2020 meeting of the Yellow Medicine County Commissioners was conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021 – Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Agenda 06-23-20-01** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda 06-23-20-02** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the consent agenda items as follows: June 9, 2020 County Board meeting minutes; 2020 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement in the amount of \$4,210; resignation of Colton Ebel, part-time Assistant Custodian; replace part-time Assistant Custodian. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Citizen Comments** None

**Approval of Disbursements/Review Auditor's Warrants 06-23-20-03** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the commissioner warrants for the following amounts: \$39,203.75 Ditch Fund, \$40,215.22 Revenue Fund, \$65,195.74 Road & Bridge Fund, \$118,634.90 Human Services Fund; and acknowledged review of the Auditor's warrants. An itemized listing of all warrants over \$2,000 and an aggregate total for warrants under \$2,000 are published on the County website under the Finance & Administration Department. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Commissioners' Report** Commissioner Renneke reported on Restorative Justice Advisory Committee and citizen complaints on Highway 67 detour. Commissioner Antony reported on Career Force, Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority, Pioneerland Library System, Counties Providing Technology and possible event at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Johnson reported on U of M Extension, Prairie Lakes Youth Program, Prairie Five and update on Parks. Commissioner Kack reported on U of M Extension, Western Mental Health Center and citizen complaints. Commissioner Berends reported on Community Emergency Management meeting, Countryside Public Health, Yellow Stone Trail and Historical Society.

Administrator Steinbach's report included meetings attended, current projects being worked on and future meetings to attend. Administrator Steinbach's report is included in the Board packet.

**Regular Agenda**

Melissa Streich, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, gave a presentation on Western Minnesota Prairie Waters.

Dawn Hegland, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission, gave a presentation.

The board recessed for break at 3:52 p.m.

The board reconvened at 4:03 p.m.

Roger Schroeder, Lyon County Environmental Office, discussed the recycling clean-up event. The consensus was to hold the event on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the City of Granite Falls and City of Canby recycling events.

**Conditional Use Permit Request YM-606-20, Hillary Riecke 06-23-20-04**

Jolene Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve conditional use permit request YM-606-20 for Hillary Riecke, Clarkfield, MN, to operate a beauty salon, a business use, in the Rural Preservation Management District. The site is located in the southwest one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter (SW¼ SE¼) of Section 34 in Friendship Township T-115-N R-41-W. The Yellow Medicine County Land Use and Related Resource Management Ordinance, Section VI, Subdivision 2.0, requires a Conditional Use permit to operate a business in the Rural Preservation Management District.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Conditional Use Permit YM-606-20 for Hillary Riecke with the following conditions:

1. Structure must meet handicap accessibility requirements.
2. Because this business is located in the Rural Preservation Management District, the owner will be tolerant of agricultural activities in the surrounding area.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Granite Falls Recycling Site 06-23-20-05** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Renneke to permanently relocate the recycling bins in Granite Falls to the southeast portion of the Granite Falls Highway Shop. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dennis Pederson, IT Department, gave an update.

Rae Ann Keeler-Aus, Family Services, gave an update.

**Purchase of Service Agreement 06-23-20-06** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Kack to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement for transportation of children in foster care with the Canby School District from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Performance Measurement Program 06-23-20-07** Motion by Commissioner Kack and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve Resolution #19-2020 which declares participation in the Performance Measurement Program and filing of the 2019 Performance Measurement Program reporting requirements. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Property Tax Abatement 06-23-20-08** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to approve the property tax abatement for Cory Kruger and Dustin Kruger (PIN 09-032-4010) in the amount of \$526 as the 2020 taxes were calculated incorrectly due to an error. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**May 15 Property Tax Due Date Penalty Waiver Requests 06-23-20-09** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to deny the request from Dora Hanson (the request was submitted by Warren Riddell, executor of Dora Hanson's estate) for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Property Tax Due Date Penalty Waiver. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**May 15 Property Tax Due Date Penalty Waiver Requests 06-23-20-10** Motion by Commissioner Renneke and seconded by Commissioner Antony to deny the request from Randy Dyrdaahl for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Property Tax Due Date Penalty Waiver. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Counties Providing Technology Revised JPA 06-23-20-11** Motion by Commissioner Antony and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the revised Counties Providing Technology Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

The board discussed future board meetings and decided to continue with the virtual meeting option at this time for regular meetings. Commissioner in-person attendance would be pending future Governor Orders.

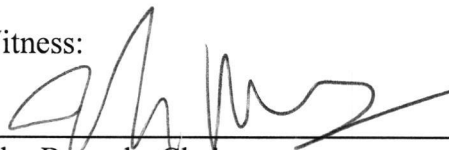
**Other Business** None

**Informational** Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water 2019 Audit

**Review of Upcoming Meetings and Events** The Board reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

**Adjourn 06-23-20-12** Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Antony to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Witness:

  
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John Berends, Chair

Attest:

  
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Angie Steinbach, County Administrator